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## TENORS PLAY TO THE CROWD AND LEAD WITH THEIR HEARTS

The Tenors, from left, Fraser Walters, Remigio Pereira, Victor Micallef and Clifton Murray, perform to an adoring crowd of about 1,500 at the Halifax Metro Centre Tuesday night. Their latest album, entitled Lead With Your Heart, has gone platinum in Canada.

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## ECMA time, Halifax

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East Coast Music Week turns 25 on Wednesday, and a quarter of a century of excellent music later, the festival has returned to its roots.

"Downtown is going to be alive with music lovers," said Scott Burke, executive director of the East Coast Music Association.

The shows kick off Wednesday night with a band from Citadel High performing alongside ECMA artists at The Spatz Theatre. From there, the music will keep playing through Sunday.

A show in Grand Parade on Thursday night should be well attended, Burke said, as Halifax's own Jenn Grant will perform with Ashley MacIsaac, Heather Green and The Stanfields.

"There's a ton of buzz out there and the social media chatter is pretty strong," Burke said of the concert.

Burke said there are over 30 stages and showcases to check out during the five-day festival, with over 2,000 musicians and industry reps descending on the city.

A concert on Saturday at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium featuring Symphony Nova Scotia, Lennie Gallant and Rita MacNeil will be very exciting, Burke said, but the Cunard Centre gala on Sunday is the big event.

"It's wide open to the public, and the lineup on the gala show is awesome," Burke said of the concert, which follows a red-carpet event on site.

Eastlink will be carrying the gala show live starting at 8 p.m.

Wristbands and tickets are available online at [ecma.ca](http://ecma.ca) or by calling 1-888-311-9090.

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# Council approves increase in library fundraising targets

**Motion passed by a vote of 12 to 4.**

Public not being asked to dole out more cash, Coun. Mosher says



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Halifax regional council has approved an increase in the fundraising budget for the new Central Library, with an emphasis, once again, on the fact that no new money is being handed over.

The Library Board asked HRM to raise the budget for the new library by \$2 million to upgrade some of the interior finishes.

The increase will come from \$600,000 already in the library's reserve budget, and a \$1.4-million increase in its fundraising limit.

Coun. Linda Mosher pointed out to council that the project is on budget, and taxpayers are not being asked to dole

## Mostly satisfied

A new poll conducted by Corporate Research Associates Inc. shows six out of 10 residents are mostly satisfied with the performance of Mayor Mike Savage and the council.

- Another four per cent were completely satisfied, while 13 per cent were dissatisfied and one in 10 said it was too early to tell.
- The poll of 400 adults was conducted between Feb. 5 and 21.

out additional cash.

"We've already achieved the requested target and we're seeking approval to spend more fundraised money on the project and to increase our fundraising target," Mosher said. "We will not be spending money over what is raised."

Though some councillors were concerned the municipi-



The old downtown Halifax library will soon be closing for good as construction continues on the new library.  
JEFF HARPER/METRO

ality will be liable if the fundraising target isn't met, Coun. Wayne Mason pointed out the library is 60 per cent of the way there — and the campaign hasn't officially launched.

"Given that ... we're already at that place gives me a lot of confidence that the total fundraising goals can be met even after they're expanded today," he said.

Halifax Libraries CEO Judith Hare said the additional funds will help pay for a "quality collection" of materials in the new facility, a cost not covered by the Build Canada fund.

## Violence report to be revisited



Mayor Mike Savage METRO FILE

The professor who led HRM's task force on violence and public safety has been asked to take another turn at the helm.

Halifax regional council approved a motion Tuesday asking Dr. Don Clairmont to review the 2008 Round Table Report, which resulted from a widespread study of crime in Halifax launched in 2006.

Mayor Mike Savage told council he wanted the review

to examine recommendations from the 2008 document, and assess how crime has changed in HRM.

"A check-in now, building on the work that has been done ... will help us better understand the changing nature of crime and provide renewed strategies for public safety," he said.

Councillors voted unanimously to endorse the review.  
RUTH DAVENPORT/METRO

## Sponsors. HRM to draft municipal alcohol policy

A council decision to formalize the current process on naming rights and sponsorship included direction to get staff working on a new municipal alcohol policy.

Halifax regional council voted on Tuesday to amend the proposed administrative order on sponsorship to require a "responsible drink-

ing" component from any alcoholic beverage company seeking to sponsor a municipal event.

Coun. Gloria McCluskey amended the motion to have staff begin developing a "far-reaching" alcohol policy, based on consultation with experts and the public.

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## Taking a bite out of Stoker's classic

Caitriona MacMullin as Mina, left, and Nick Piovesan as Dracula rehearse a scene on Tuesday for Neptune Theatre School's production of Dracula. The play presented by the Young Actors Company will hit the stage at Neptune's Scotiabank Studio Theatre this Thursday through Sunday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

# Councillor seeking report on potential ban of lawn fertilizer

Concerns over the impact of phosphorus runoff on local waterways has prompted one Halifax regional councillor to ask for information on a potential ban of lawn fertilizers.

Coun. Gloria McCluskey will ask for a staff report on the impact of banning any fertilizer that uses phosphorus, saying it's having a detrimental effect on local lakes and rivers.

"We've seen ... excessive algae and the loss of oxygen and the weeds," she said during Tuesday's council meeting.

### Alternative to ban

Coun. Jennifer Watts suggested the report could investigate a "management plan," rather than a ban, which could include strategies such as applying current watercourse setbacks to fertilizer use.

"We either want great lawns or great lakes."

Coun. David Hendsbee

raised concern about a total ban, saying phosphorus is contained in virtually every commercial fertilizer on the market.

"If you go to zero tolerance, you may be excluding any potential use of our biosolid fertilizer ... so I'm concerned, is there a threshold we'll be looking at?"

McCluskey pointed out that a staff report would be expected to contain recommendations on the feasibility of a total ban. RUTH DAVENPORT/METRO

# 'Do it on the Bus,' Metro Transit says

**Public transportation.** Risé campaign looks to bring up passenger numbers

Yes, you're reading this right — Metro Transit wants you to do it on the bus.

Metro Transit has launched a new campaign to get people talking about public transportation as a way to catch up on work or sleep — but many on social media couldn't help pointing out the more suggestive meaning of the "Do it on the Bus" slogan.

"Ha! Child in me giggles," tweeted @christinacopp on Tuesday.

"It's supposed to be edgy, a little fun," said Eddie Robar, director of Metro Transit.

Many on social media appreciated the risqué campaign, and naturally a parody account sprang up right away (@doitonthebus). However, some were not won over by the campaign and tweeted they would rather see funds used to improve services.

Tiffany Chase, spokesperson for HRM, said the campaign was intended to create some buzz with the "provocative and cheeky approach" to bus issues.

"It looks like we've been suc-



cessful in doing that, based on the online conversations that are happening today," she said.

Chase said the campaign was created between Metro Transit, HRM and an external consultant in an attempt to boost ridership following last year's transit strike.

Once the slogan grabs attention, Robar said he hopes people learn about the benefits of taking public transit on the doitonthebus.ca website.

"It's really about driving people who use a vehicle towards our services," Robar said, adding Metro Transit could make service improvements with the extra revenue, and the GoTime service in particular is planned for an overhaul next year.

The site features infographics promoting Metro Transit's 22 new buses, more comfortable seating on Metro X vehicles, new routes and new Dartmouth terminal.

### On Twitter

Here are some #doitonthebus tweets from Tuesday:

@GarthGoya: ●●●●●

Halifax is pleased to announce the commencement of Barry White on the PA on all major routes. #doitonthebus.

@chrisrah: ●●●●●

I'll never #doitonthebus. Motion sickness paired with terrible service = I <3 my car

@firecatkitty: ●●●●●

I have never been in support of red light districts. But who needs that when we can just #doitonthebus?

@reidallaboutit: ●●●●●

In my opinion, the use of sexual provocative messaging in #advertising is a turnoff. No pun intended

Other graphics show the smaller carbon footprint of buses versus cars and ideas for what to do on the bus, such as sleeping, making new friends, or "rocking out" with headphones.

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### Consultation sought

## Students cry foul over new fees

A group representing student unions across Nova Scotia says universities are failing to properly consult students before charging new non-academic fees.

Students Nova Scotia says its members have voted unanimously against any new ancillary fees until the universities agree to clear and binding terms of consultation.

The group says student unions should be consulted before fees are approved as per a memorandum of understanding between universities and the province. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Dartmouth. Police say woman, 55, assaults officer, breaks arm

Halifax Regional Police say a 55-year-old Dartmouth woman broke her arm after she was arrested for breaching the peace.

Just before 3 p.m. on Monday, police say they received a report of a woman walking in the roadway on Highway 111. Police say two officers found the woman and asked her to move to the shoulder of the road.

About 20 minutes later, police received another report of the woman walking on the same roadway and jumping in front of

### SIRT brought in

The province's Serious Incident Response Team is now investigating the incident.

vehicles. The officers found the woman again, and police allege when they tried to arrest her, she resisted and assaulted one of them.

They also say during the arrest the woman suffered a broken arm.

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## Tourism. Province rejects bids to revive Yarmouth ferry to Maine

Proposals to resume a ferry service linking Yarmouth to Maine have been rejected, eliminating any possibility that the operation will be revived this year, the province said on Tuesday.



Percy Paris  
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Economic Development Minister Percy Paris said the two bids did not meet the criteria for a long-term operation, adding that the government was aware this would be disappointing news for an area of the province struggling to revitalize its tourism industry.

Paris said he always thought it was optimistic to believe the ferry service could be back in operation this year, but the government sought proposals because it wanted to see if it was feasible.

"We didn't want to play the lord of all things and rule out the possibility of 2013 happening," Paris said. He declined to specify what was lacking in the bids.

The proposals were submitted in January by Quest Navigation Inc., of Eliot, Maine, and Maritime Applied Physics Corp., a Baltimore-based engineering firm. They were evaluated by a committee that included government and private-sector representatives.

Criteria listed in the government's request for proposals included financial capacity and stability, operational history and relevant experience, revenue projections and detailed startup plans, among other requirements.

Paris said the government would launch a new procurement process with the hope of a 2014 start date and appoint a panel of tourism, community and business leaders to help boost the tourism sector in southwestern Nova Scotia.

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# Halifax man gives the gift of life — 1,000 times



Harold Sanford gives blood on Tuesday at the Canadian Blood Services clinic at Bayers Road in Halifax, and he vows he's not stopping: "I'm booked for the next two months," he says. MARIKA MCKENZIE/FOR METRO

## Blood donation.

Senior citizen reaches rare milestone

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Harold Sanford walks into the blood-clinic lobby, jacket in hand, headed straight for the closet. He's been here before.

The 80-year-old Halifax man donated blood on Tuesday for the 1,000th time, making him the second person in Nova Scotia and the fifth person nationally to offer up the life-source so many times.

"It's not hard to do," Sanford said. "I'll keep doing it as long as I can."

The story goes that, while serving in the military, Sanford's mother underwent an operation and needed a blood transfusion. After her surgery, she began donating blood. Sanford and his siblings fol-

## Vein glory

# 500

So far, Harold Sanford has donated 500 litres of blood to those in need.

lowed suit.

Sanford's son Robert also donates blood. So far Robert, 48, has donated 690 times and has a goal of donating 2,000 times. Robert said he donates blood simply because he can, adding, "I am trying to beat him. It's a father-son rivalry."

Asked why he donates blood, Sanford had few words.

"Oh, I don't know. I enjoy doing it because it's helpful and I like the idea that I change my blood once a week."

Sanford is a plasma donor. For every weekly blood donation, his plasma is separated from the rest of his blood and his red and white blood cells as well as his platelets are returned to him.



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# Venezuelan officials call for unity after Hugo Chavez dies

## Uncertainty follows president's death.

Foreign minister says Vice-President Nicolas Maduro will take over, with elections to be called within 30 days

Some in anguish, some in fear, Venezuelans raced for home and stocked up on food and water Tuesday after the government announced the death of President Hugo Chavez, the larger-than-life firebrand socialist who led the nation for 14 years.

Vice-President Nicolas Maduro's voice broke and tears ran down his face as he appeared on national television to announce that Chavez died "after battling hard against an illness over nearly two years."

He did not say what exactly killed Chavez, although the government had announced the previous night that a se-

vere new respiratory infection had severely weakened him.

A few hours later, Foreign Minister Elias Jaua affirmed one of Chavez's final wishes: Maduro would be interim president and then be the ruling party's candidate to carry on Chavez's populist "revolution" in elections to be called within 30 days.

It was a day fraught with mixed signals, some foreboding and some violent. Just a few hours before announcing Chavez's death, Maduro made a virulent speech against enemies he claimed were trying to undermine Venezuelan democracy.

And he said two U.S. military attachés had been expelled for trying to destabilize the nation. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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## Canadian reaction

As Chavez, 58, finally succumbed on Tuesday to the cancer he had been fighting for nearly two years, Prime Minister Stephen Harper spoke out about the death.

- Harper offered his "condolences to the people of Venezuela," and said he looked forward "to working with (Chavez's) successor and other leaders in the region to build a hemisphere that is more prosperous, secure and democratic."
- The prime minister in a statement said: "I hope the people of Venezuela can now build for themselves a better, brighter future based on the principles of freedom, democracy, human rights."

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Supporters of Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez react in downtown Caracas, the Venezuelan capital, on Tuesday after the vice-president announced Chavez's death. FERNANDO LLANO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Family of Oscar Pistorius feuds over father's remarks on guns, crime

A public feud erupted on Tuesday within the family of Oscar Pistorius, the double-amputee Olympian charged with murdering his girlfriend, as the runner and his relatives distanced themselves from comments his father reportedly made about guns and crime in South Africa.

South Africa's ruling party, the African National Con-

gress, also waded into the family dispute. A spokesman for the party accused Henke Pistorius, the runner's father, of racism for his observations reported in British newspapers about crime against white South Africans and the suggestion that the ANC government isn't adequately protecting them.

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Olympic athlete Oscar Pistorius' father, Henke Pistorius, right, watches with his children as his son Oscar walks into court during his bail hearing in February.

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# Baird: Palestinians to face 'consequences' for legal action against Israel

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird has told a powerful pro-Israel lobby that Palestinians will feel "consequences" from Canada if they pursue the Jewish state at the International Criminal Court.

Baird issued the warning just as the federal government considers whether to end hundreds of millions of

dollars in Canadian humanitarian aid to the Palestinians when the program expires at the end of this month.

Baird delivered his message on Sunday to an approving audience in Washington at the annual conference of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee.

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# Politicians keep up blitz for Keystone XL pipeline approval

**U.S. trips.** Minister of natural resources and Sask. premier make their pitches stateside

Less than a week after the U.S. State Department all but dismissed the climate concerns dogging TransCanada's Keystone XL pipeline, two high-profile Canadian politicians headed stateside on Tuesday to push once again for approval.

The pitch from Natural Resources Minister Joe Oliver contained a nugget of news for his audience as he assured them that long-awaited federal regulations on Canada's oil-and-gas sector were on the horizon.

"Once the federal regulations are in place, Canada will be one of a very few oil producers in the world with national binding regulations on its oil-and-gas sector," he told the Chicago Council on Global Affairs. The government is aiming to have those federal regulations ready by mid-year.

Oliver urged Americans to listen to the "facts" on the pipeline, asserting that Alberta's oil sands contribute only 0.1 per cent to global greenhouse gas emissions.

"Why then all the fuss? Why the demonstrations and movie stars chaining themselves to the White House gate?" he asked.



Federal Minister of Natural Resources Joe Oliver THE CANADIAN PRESS

"The answer is that some environmental and other groups see this as a symbolic issue in their larger battle.... In a democratic society, they are entitled to their views but not to take liberties with the truth."

Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall, meanwhile, began a four-day visit to the U.S. capital that includes meetings with several senior officials, including an assistant secretary of state on international environmental affairs and the majority leader of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Wall, too, will urge Americans to approve the pipeline. But he'll also tout his province's green initiatives, in particular its recent \$1.4-billion investment in a clean-coal project in Estevan.

## New regulations

Planned federal regulations would seek to curb the oil-and-gas sector's greenhouse emissions for Canada to meet a 2020 target for a 17 per cent overall cut.

- **Other sectors.** Rules are already set for the transportation and coal-fired electricity industries, but they only take Canada halfway to the goal.

"That's about \$1,400 per man, woman and child," Wall said last week. "I'm not sure of another jurisdiction in North America that can make that claim."

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## Try to enjoy it — spring unlikely to be hot

According to The Weather Network, the average winter conditions experienced across the country will give way to a typical spring in the coming weeks. Director of meteorology Chris Scott said spring temperatures are expected to hover near seasonal norms in most parts of the country. Residents of southern Ontario, Quebec and parts of Atlantic Canada may feel a little more warmth than their counterparts in the West. Stable ocean temperatures in the Pacific also suggest average levels of precipitation for most of the country. Scott said this year's forecast stands in stark contrast to last spring, when several of Canada's major cities recorded historic highs. JEFF STOKOE/RED DEER ADVOCATE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Canada chairs Holocaust Remembrance Alliance

Canada has assumed chairmanship of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance, a body composed of government officials and experts from 31 nations.

The alliance is devoted to fostering and promoting Holocaust education, remembrance and research around the world.

Immigration Minister Jason Kenney attended a ceremony in Berlin on Tuesday in which Belgium handed over the chair-

manship to Canada, which will hold that position until March 2014.

Each year, the alliance nominates a member country to assume leadership of the organization.

Canada became actively involved with the alliance in 2007 and became a full member in 2009.

The International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance Conference will be held in Toronto in

October.

"Our government believes it is critically important to be engaged in efforts to teach future generations the lessons of the Holocaust and help prevent future acts of genocide," Kenney said.

"The Holocaust stands alone in the annals of human evil and has important lessons to teach all of us — universal lessons that must not be forgotten." THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Downtown Eastside

## Vancouver sex worker tied up, dragged by van

Vancouver police are hunting for a man suspected of beating a sex-trade worker who was tied up and dragged by a van.

Police say a 42-year-old woman was picked up in the Downtown Eastside and driven to a secluded area, where she was attacked.

Several 911 callers then reported seeing her dragged down the street before she managed to partially free herself and jump from the moving van.

Police conducted an

extensive search, but were unable to locate the suspect, who police say may have an Australian accent.

His vehicle is described as a white panel van with roof racks.

The woman remains in hospital, where she is recovering from a head injury and extensive abrasions.

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Stock index surges  
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The Dow Jones industrial average closed at a record on Tuesday, beating the previous high it set in October 2007, before the financial crisis and the Great Recession. The index rose 126 points, or one per cent, to 14,253, beating its previous record by 89 points. In fact, it is up nearly nine per cent this year, capping a remarkable comeback.

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# Target's here, but the price isn't always right

## Doubtful discounts.

Shoppers at three new Ontario stores find the savings don't match what's on offer in U.S.

The long-awaited arrival of U.S. discount giant Target means Canadians can now get their hands on the famed bull's-eye brand's wares without crossing the border — though the savings here might not equal those down south.

The retail chain, which opened its doors on Tuesday in three communities west of Toronto, has said Canadian customers will likely see a difference in pricing compared to items carried in its U.S. stores, with the company focused on being “competitively priced” with retailers in Canada.

A spokeswoman for Target Canada couldn't say exactly how that will play out on shelves in the newly launched Ontario stores in Guelph, Fergus and



Employees welcome the first shoppers who lined up for the new Target store in Guelph, Ont. on Tuesday. The company is expected to open between 125 and 135 locations in Canada. DAVE CHIDLEY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Milton or the dozens more locations the company expects to open across the country.

Pricing depends on a number of factors and it's difficult to give case-by-case examples or even narrow it down to categories of products more likely to warrant higher prices, Lisa Gibson said on Tuesday.

“In certain cases, the prices will actually be completely on par with U.S. prices and in some cases there might be some dif-

ferences, but ... our overall goal is to make sure we're competitive with the marketplace,” she said, adding the company is also bringing in a five per cent reward program from the U.S.



At the Guelph store, a 2.95-litre bottle of Tide laundry detergent was priced at \$15.99 Tuesday, compared with \$11.99 US on Target's American website. The same product was listed for \$15.99 on the Canadian Tire site. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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## Debit-card fraud drops

Interac Association says Interac debit-card fraud losses as a result of skimming are at their lowest level on record since 2003 — falling to \$38.5 million in 2012 from a high of \$142 million in 2009. Caroline Hubberstey, the head of external communications for Interac Association, says the ongoing conversion to chip technology is a vital tactic in fraud prevention. Unlike a magnetic stripe, she says, chip technology is extremely difficult to copy and reproduce. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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# DO PRICEY JEANS COME WITH DEEP POCKETS?

During a recent trip to Montreal, I found myself engaged in a fascinating discussion with a 30-year-old metrosexual male who was passionately extolling the virtues of the \$450 pair of jeans he wore.

Now, I'm not one to dismiss the importance of personal style and presentation, but if I were Forrest Gump, I'd say, "I've worn lots o' jeans." While I can easily recognize an obvious difference in quality, I saw nothing that great in this particular pair.

I admitted to having owned a few pair of jeans for which I paid too much, even on sale. But I have never found them to improve as much with time as I've been told a good pair should.

Furthermore, \$450 is not the most shocking price tag around.

It seems that even Ye Olde Levi's Shoppe now produces a hand-sewn, heavy-denim product that retails for \$500.

Apparently, these magical pants will create the illusion that



**JUST SAYIN'**

**Mike Benhaim**

Guest columnist

even the oddest-shaped individual is actually fit.

Keeping an open mind, I began to pay attention to brand-name jeans, such as Diesel and 7 For All Mankind, that ranged between \$350 and \$900. Yeah, you heard me! And that's nothing.

APO Jeans will sell you a custom product with pockets lined in pure silk, a perfectly polished silver zipper and a real diamond button for \$4,000!

Why do I get the feeling there's a Kardashian behind this somewhere?

People of Earth, I beg you: For the sake of the children, "Stop the madness!"

They're jeans!

Jeans were meant to be comfortable and casual. The coolest ones are faded and frayed at the edges. They've been worn out in all the right places and can be passed on to someone else when your ass grows out of them.

Sure, you should expect to pay more now

than you did in the '80s, but please.

There are plenty of good-quality, excellent-fitting jeans avail-

able for under \$100, and if you think they make you look fat then — you're fat! Work on that instead of putting all the pressure on your clothing.

Now, I can always forgive the feminine whimsy (within reason) if the result is extraordinary, but men: I speak on behalf of guys more and less macho than myself when I suggest finding a pair of jeans that feel good and spending \$20 getting them altered to your liking. That's it.

If your girlfriend wants to play dress-up with you, as some women will do, and buys you a pair of the ol' rhinestone cowgirls, return them for a cheaper pair and buy her a very nice dinner with the change. If you don't, you'll be scheduled the next day for a mani-pedi and full-body manscaping that sounds much nicer than it feels.

Now, I can hardly wait for all the stylish clubgoers I've offended to tweet the cheap out of me, but I ask that the rest of you

find this online and tell me where you buy YOUR jeans and how much you pay for them.

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# Sally the camel had 1 maple leaf



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## Fossils offer climate clues

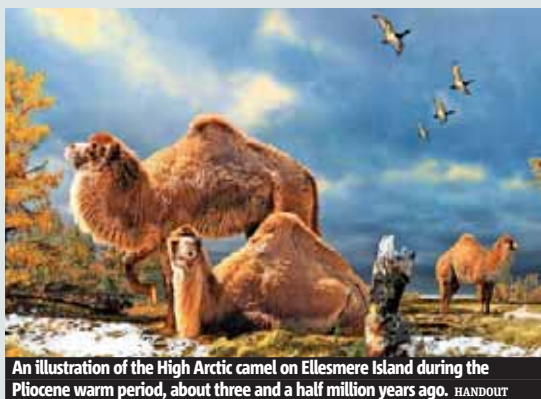
Dr. Natalia Rybczynski examines the fossil bones of the High Arctic camel laid out in a lab at the Canadian Museum of Nature.

The fossil evidence consists of about 30 bone fragments, which together form part of a limb bone of a camel. Found on Ellesmere Island, Nunavut, this is the northernmost discovery of camels in the Arctic, about 1,200

kilometres further north than the Yukon camel. The camel lived about three and a half million years ago, when the region supported a boreal-type forest.

Back when this camel was browsing leaves and shoots, the entire global climate averaged about two or three degrees warmer than it is now.

That's about as much a difference as scientists say the Earth can undergo today without catastrophic changes. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



An illustration of the High Arctic camel on Ellesmere Island during the Pliocene warm period, about three and a half million years ago. **HANDOUT**

## Clickbait

**What was the worst hashtag fail so far? We'll let you be the judge.**

### #susanalumparty

In November 2012, the PR team behind Britain's Susan Boyle was relentlessly mocked for their use of the 'susanalumparty' hashtag.

### #RIMjobs

In what will likely stand as the greatest Canadian hashtag fail, the company formerly known as Research in Motion chose to court prospective employees via the 'RIMjobs' hashtag.

### #McDstories

Last year, McDonald's asked its customers to share memories of dining at the fast-food joint via a 'McDstories' hashtag. Sooner than you could say 'happy meal,' the tag was flooded with accounts of finding finger-

nails in Big Macs and other sordid stories.

### #Rogers1Number

In another Canadian example, Rogers paid Twitter to keep the 'Rogers1Number' tag atop the site's list of trending topics last March. Of course, the hashtag allowed customers to publicize their complaints about poor service and perceived price-gouging.

### #Hobbitch

Earlier this year, a Swiss company used the 'Hobbitch' hashtag to promote the latest installment in the Lord of the Rings movie franchise. It's a case of lost in translation, as .ch is the official domain name for Switzerland.

## Letters

**Re: Horsemeat big business in Alberta, published March 4.**

The article indicates that only horses at their end of life are slaughtered.

This is not true! MANY YOUNG HEALTHY horses are slaughtered because the owners either don't know the possible outcome of taking their horse to an auction, or don't care.

There are also some irresponsible (using nice language here) horse breeders who purposely 'over breed'. They keep what they consider the cream of the crop and send the rest to auction.

**Pat Rollock, Calgary**

What is wrong with the world today? Can we not draw a line on which animals we will 'slaughter' and consume?

I am confused by the poll and growing acceptance of Canadians to consume horsemeat. Would you stand by and allow your cats and dogs to be slaughtered and then be eaten?

**Ruth S., Whitby, Ont.**

I was shocked by the article on horse meat. The reporter did not do enough research, the facts are that bute has been found in horsemeat often and it causes cancer in humans.

**Cindy Cardy, London, Ont.**

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## A century of Oz-inspired entertainment



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When New Girl star Zooey Deschanel was two years old she watched *The Wizard of Oz* every day. "I had a hard time understanding that I couldn't go into the film," she said, "because it felt so real to me."

She's not alone. It is one of the most watched and universally adored Hollywood films ever.

This weekend Disney hopes to add to the legacy of the original film with *Oz the Great and Powerful*, a Sam Raimi directed prequel starring James Franco and Mila Kunis. Ever wondered why the wicked witch was so wicked? Or how the wizard became the wizard? With a click of its ruby slippers this movie fills in the blanks. It's not the first movie to try and woo an audience based on *Oz* and its citizens.

1910's *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* was the first Baum book to hit the screen. Almost seven decades later, two very different musicals were inspired by the *Oz* folks.

20th Century *Oz* is a 1976 Australian rock musical that reimagines the classic story set in 1970s Australia. Two years later director Sidney Lumet adapted the Broadway hit *The Wiz* for the screen, casting Motown superstars Diana Ross as Dorothy and Michael Jackson as The Scarecrow. Although it was, at the time, the most expensive film musical ever made, it wasn't a hit in theatres.



This film image released by Disney Enterprises shows James Franco as Oz, left, and the character Finley, voiced by Zach Braff, in a scene from *Oz the Great and Powerful*. DISNEY ENTERPRISES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Oz prequel brings Braff back to a 'magical place'

**Oz the Great and Powerful.** Director Sam Raimi 'at his finest' says the former *Scrubs* star

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Years ago I asked one of the original *Wizard of Oz* munchkins to explain the movie's enduring appeal.

"Everybody can enjoy it," said Karl Slover who was just two feet tall when he played the first trumpeter. "There's no filthy language in it. I don't see no bikinis! No nudist colonies! Kids can watch it and parents don't have to worry because there's nothing bad in

there."

I recently asked Zach Braff the same question in an interview to promote *Oz the Great and Powerful*, a prequel to the most beloved movie of all time.

"It reminds us of our childhood," says the former *Scrubs* star, "and it reminds us of this magical place where crazy things happen. It is innocent and it is pure and it is amazing that it holds up. It was made in 1939, most kids don't see other movies made in 1939."

The new flick, co-starring James Franco, Mila Kunis, Rachel Weisz and Michelle Williams, is a state-of-the-art film, but it's something that has been gestating for some time.

"I heard that Walt Disney always wanted to make an *Oz*

movie," he says. "There's 13 books, so why not go back to that world and tell it from a 2013 perspective."

The new film echoes the original, starting with black and white scenes shot in Kansas before moving to the eye-popping fantasy world of *Oz*. The movie's modern twist is the addition of high tech tricks to make your eyes and ears dance. Braff calls the film's visual and audio tweaks — increasing the depth of the 3D and adding in surround sound for the *Oz* scenes, for example — "Sam Raimi at his finest."

Raimi, the director behind the *Evil*

Dead movies and a little franchise called *Spider-Man*, was the big reason Braff signed on to the project.

"I heard Sam wanted to meet me in his office. That's a good call to get."

Braff, who made his directorial debut on the 2004 indie film *Garden State*, calls Raimi a "wonderful mentor who let me watch this whole process." Even on his days off the actor would go to the set to learn about big budget filmmaking from watching the old pro work on *Oz*'s enormous sets.

"Sam's the biggest mensch on earth. The guy's a saint. He's too good to be true."



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Justin Bieber

## Bieber gets booed in London

Justin Bieber's troublesome stay in London continued this week when he got a late start at his first show at the O2 Arena, courting boos from an angry, impatient audience, according to the BBC. "I never have any intent to upset or let anyone down, and I'm not OK with things

being exaggerated," Bieber tweeted after the show. "Last night I was scheduled after three opening acts to go on stage at 9:35, not 8:30, but because of some technical issues I got on at 10:10, so I was 40 minutes late to [the] stage. There is no excuse for that and I apologize for anyone we upset."



### Twitter



@SarahSilverman

BACKFIRE: This AdvilPM is giving me the dancing bug



@Rosie

On my way to film SMASH — love that show so much ... I am playing me — luckily I have done a lot of research ;)



@MARLONLWAYANS

Ballin' hard in my solitude of peace ... Whatever that means

# METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES



Taylor Swift ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

## Swift: Back up those rumours, people

Taylor Swift has some news for everyone keeping track of her love life. "If you want some big revelation, since 2010 I have dated exactly two people," she tells Vanity Fair, referring to high schooler Conor Kennedy and One Direction member Harry Styles. "The fact that there are slide shows of a dozen guys that I either hugged on a red carpet or met for lunch or wrote a song with, it's just kind of ridiculous." But she doesn't let all the talk get to her. "One of these things I say to myself to calm myself down when I feel like it's all too much ... if there's a pregnancy rumour, people will find out it's not

true when you wind up not pregnant," she says. "And if there's a house rumour, they'll find out it's not true when you are actively not ever spotted at that house."

### The Word



## What's going on with Kim's mat wardrobe?



THE WORD

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As a woman who has grown a baby in her uterus, I know how hard it is to find good maternity clothing. So I can relate to Kim Kardashian's problem of finding a flattering pregnancy wardrobe. But I'm not sure why she's continuing to dress like she



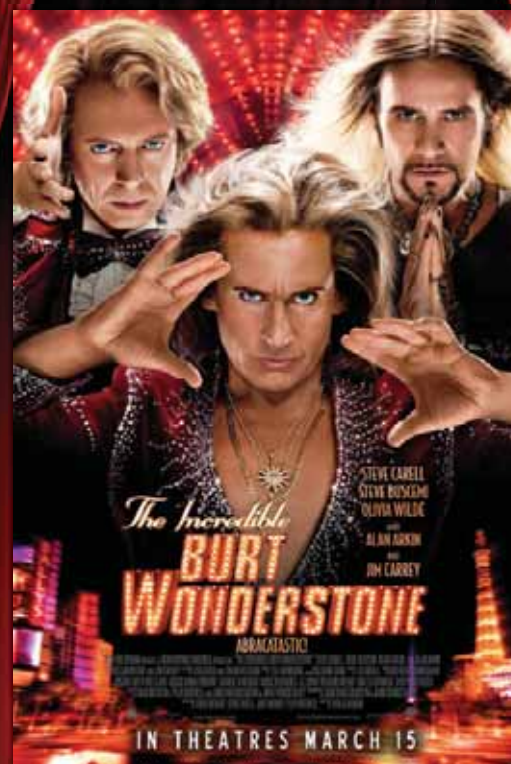
isn't pregnant.

I'm guessing her fashion-plate boyfriend, Kanye West, has something to do with it.

Case in point: as soon as Kardashian started to show, she decided to don this mesh-leather-feather-pants ensemble that made her resemble a motorcycle-riding ostrich. Then she wore this ill-fitting white ensemble on Saturday, which is made for a much taller, much less knocked-up person.

I'm not saying you can't look nice while pregnant. I'm just saying you should probably leave the high fashion at home.

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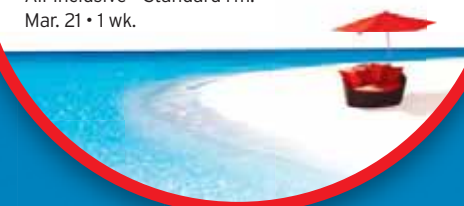
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If you are Cuba-bound this March Break, a day trip to Havana is a must. For a true taste of this time-warped capital, be sure to visit these must-see spots.



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### Take a vintage car ride

The country is home to approximately 60,000 classic American automobiles that industrious Cubans have kept running since the 1959 revolution. Although a very walkable city, an hour long tour is a great way to get oriented. Ask the driver to cruise along the Malecon, an eight kilometre boulevard stretching alongside the Atlantic Ocean. Either arrange in advance through Gran Car or find a driver in Parque Central.

# 5

## Hot spots in Havana

### Hang out in Parque Central

The buzz created by masses of Cubans and tourists passing through the park is infectious. The building housing the Cuban National Ballet is stunning. And no visit is complete without a photo in front of the Capitolio Nacional. It was completed in 1929 as a tribute to its sister building in Washington, D.C.



### Soak up the atmosphere of a retro hotel

Built on a hill above the Malecon, the grand Hotel Nacional's 1930s tiled lobby and colonnaded veranda looking out to the sea is right out of a movie. The heart of Old Havana is sprinkled with smaller hotels, like Hotel Raquel, which have painstakingly restored their interior courtyards into an oasis of luxury. All are worth a peek.



### Get a glimpse of glory at Plaza Vieja

Check out the Plaza Vieja. It has been undergoing a decade-long restoration and gives a glimpse of what Havana could look like if returned to its former glory. Make sure you also wander the narrow, congested, delightfully intriguing, cobbled surrounding streets of the old city. The UNESCO World Heritage site contains almost 1,000 buildings of historic importance.

### Try a mojito, a la Hemingway

El Floridita and La Bodeguita del Medio are the two most famous ones, largely due to their affiliation with author Ernest Hemingway. Word is he preferred the daiquiris at the former and mojitos at the later. I tried both and agree. In addition to pouring over the throwback decor, the frequent appearance of live bands gives an opportunity for a taste of the vibrant Cuban music.



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1. Preheat the oven to 425 F. Line a baking sheet with foil.

2. Spray non-stick skillet with cooking oil, add vegetable oil and place over medium heat. Add onions and sauté 8 mins. Add garlic, sugar, salt, pepper and bell pepper. Sauté 5 minutes. Set aside and keep warm.

3. Spray skillet with cooking oil and place over high heat. Cook steak until done to your preference, approx. 5 mins. Cool 5 mins. before cutting into

## Ingredients

- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 2 cups sliced onions
- 2 tsp crushed fresh garlic
- 2 tsp brown sugar
- 1/4 tsp salt and pepper
- 1 cup each sliced red and green bell pepper
- 8 oz grilling steak
- 2 tbsp low-fat mayo
- 3 tbsp low-fat sour cream
- 2 tsp horseradish
- 4 small wholegrain rolls (6-inch), split
- 3/4 cup grated provolone

thin slices. Add to the veg mix.

4. Combine mayo, sour cream and horseradish. Spread over both sides of rolls. Divide filling among 4 rolls, sprinkle with cheese and replace top half of bun. Place on prepared baking sheet; bake 5 mins. Slice in half.

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## Anchovies graduate to sandwich duties

1. Heat the oven to broil. Set a wire rack over a rimmed baking sheet. Coat the rack with cooking spray.

2. In a large bowl, whisk together the olive oil and vinegar. Add the arugula, then use your hands to toss well, ensuring all of the arugula is coated with the dressing. Season with salt and pepper, then set aside.

3. In bowl mix ricotta, thyme and lemon juice. Set aside.

4. Slice each tomato into 6 thin slices. Arrange the slices on the prepared wire rack, then season them with salt and pepper. Set them on the oven's centre rack and broil until lightly browned, about 4 to 6 minutes.

5. Meanwhile, cut the ba-

quette into two 6-inch lengths, then slice each one in half lengthwise. Place in the oven, cut side up, and toast for just a minute or two, just long enough to warm and lightly brown.

6. When bread and tomatoes are done, top each piece of baguette with a quarter of the ricotta, then arrange 3 tomato slices over each. Top each with a quarter of arugula and 3 anchovies. Eat immediately.

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## Ingredients

- 1 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 2 cups arugula
- Kosher salt and ground black pepper
- 1 cup ricotta cheese
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh thyme
- Juice of 1/2 lemon
- 2 large slicing tomatoes
- 12-inch baguette
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Here are a few technology job interview attire guidelines:

### Be comfortable

You want to be as confident and comfy as possible! If you are physically uncomfortable, this will show in your behaviour during the interview. Women, this means saving those stilettos for the club, not the office.

### Don't overlook the small things

Make sure your shoes match



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Olivia Hoskin

your belt (or purse), and never, ever wear white socks! Ensure you are wrinkle and stain-free, well groomed and clean. If you are unsure, ask a professional ... or your mom.

### Everything in moderation

Choose one "thing" that interviewers can remember you by, like a bow in your hair or a uniquely-coloured dress shirt, but ultimately, the interview is

about your qualities and skills, not your fashion sense. Remember to avoid overwhelming perfumes/colognes, excessive or inappropriately-coloured makeup and distracting jewelry.

### Shut it off!

This is an obvious step that if forgotten, is often an immediate deal-breaker. Skip the silent setting and turn your phone off when you have interviews. Be present and distraction free.

### Webcam interviews are still interviews

To ensure that you are distraction-free for webcam interviews, book a study room at school for an hour or two. This ensures a quiet and distraction-free zone. If you do not have access to a private room, just be sure to dress professionally from head to toe.

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### Dressing on a dime

**As a student or recent grad, how does one go about purchasing such expensive interview accessories?**

- Personally, as a student, I am on a tight budget when it comes to pretty much everything. Due to this I have had to search far and wide to find interview clothing at reasonable prices. Some popular methods include coupons and customer reward programs, shopping during the off-season and hitting up thrift stores.
- Of these suggestions, my favourites are shopping the off-season and thrifting. End of season sales are excellent for discovering cheap but new items that you can either save for the next year or wear immediately. Interviews in March are perfect because you can buy end-of-winter items and use them for a month before it gets too warm.
- If you want even cheaper clothing you can visit liquidation sales or thrift stores. Some of my favourites include the Salvation Army, Talize and Value Village.

## Many a meet-and-greet. Tackling the tech job interview takes time



Practise that pitch. Attend interview workshops, speak to a career advisor or participate in a mock interview. ISTOCK

You got an interview. Congratulations!

It's likely you searched for jobs on websites, leveraged your network and wowed a recruiter with your resumé and cover letter. But you're not done selling yourself just yet.

University of Waterloo career advisor Tanya Gillert says tech graduates can expect to be screened by an in-house recruiter or a member of the company's HR department before one or two technical phone screens and up to four on-site interviews with the employer.

"In an interview, recruiters are determining if they like you, if you know your stuff and if you are passionate about your field and specialty," she says. "Employers want to know if an applicant is adaptable, flexible and productive."

Here's a list of Gillert's top tips on how to ace the technology job interview and get the job.

### Know the employer

Research the company's structure, history and mission. Learn about what the company sells, the clients they target and how they compete in their industry. Find out what motivates management and employees.

How can you tell an interviewer that you'll fit in seamlessly with the company's culture if you know nothing about them?

### Do your research

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Tanya Gillert  
Career advisor

### Know the position

Employers will list the skills, knowledge and qualifications they expect someone they hire to possess. Read the job listing and show them that you meet their requirements, Gillert says.

You can expect technical questions to be tailored to the role. Be prepared to write code, talk about code and find any errors in code quickly.

### Know yourself

Know your strengths and weaknesses. Practise coding and solving problems in front of people. Be prepared to answer the types of questions Gillert says technology students can expect to be asked, including:

- coding and common algorithms
- design and redesign
- puzzles and brain teasers
- number theory

Practice how to solve these types of problems and if you don't know something, learn it.

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## MacKinnon on track for pre-playoff return

Halifax Mooseheads fans can let out a deep breath.

Nathan MacKinnon participated in his first on-ice team practice on Tuesday since injuring his MCL in a game against the Moncton Wildcats on Feb. 8.

Mooseheads general manager Cam Russell said the team's third leading scorer is now getting back into game shape and will be ready before playoffs start.

"If we were in the playoffs right now he'd be playing," Russell said. "There's no need to hurry him back in desperation. It's an injury we're being very careful with to ensure that when he's back in the lineup it makes sense and he's 100 per cent."

"But he's definitely going to be ready for playoffs and we want him playing in a few games before that."

Defenceman Trey Lewis, who's been out with a concussion since Feb. 16, is healthy and will play in Wednesday's road game against the Bathurst Titan.

Defenceman Brian Lovell (broken jaw) is expected to start skating this week and could be ready for game action in another week. Forward Ryan Falkenham, who has missed 14 games with a concussion, has recovered and is nearing game shape.

Russell said he's been particularly impressed with how forward Stephen MacAulay has stepped in and filled the void on the team's top line. But he added that's just one example of how the Mooseheads have repeatedly risen to the occasion in the face of key injuries all season.

"We've missed MacKinnon at times, Drouin at times, Frk, Abelts-hauser and Fucal," he said. "A lot of credit goes to the coaching staff and the players who have continually stepped up." **METRO**



Nathan MacKinnon  
JEFF HARPER/METRO



Michael D'Orazio, left, of the Saint Mary's Huskies collides with Nick MacNeil of the New Brunswick Varsity Reds at the Halifax Forum on Tuesday night. JEFF HARPER/METRO

# Huskies bounce back in AUS final

**Stayin' alive.** Saint Mary's pots three third-period goals to draw even with V-Reds



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Anthony Peters was stellar again, except this time he was rewarded with a win.

The Saint Mary's Huskies

**Quoted**

**"The guys stuck to the game plan, kept it simple, and the bounces went our way."**

Huskies goalie Anthony Peters

netminder made 32 saves to lead his squad to a 5-2 win over the New Brunswick V-Reds to even the best-of-three AUS men's hockey final in front of 2,719 fans at the Halifax Forum on Tuesday night.

"I have some sort of secret potion," he said, jokingly. "I just do my best, come to the rink every day and try to get better. I'm being rewarded for that right now."

Peters made 40 saves in a 1-0 double overtime loss to the Varsity Reds in Game 1 in

Fredericton on Saturday.

He said his teammates showed a lot of character in the bounce-back win.

"The boys really paid attention to detail, played tough and chipped in to make my job a lot easier. We stressed getting pucks to the net."

The victory didn't come as easily as the score might suggest. Varsity Reds forward Tyler Carroll scored the equalizer at the midpoint of the third period. But the Huskies proved up to the challenge.

Just 1:03 later, Huskies defenceman Kyle Pereira registered the game-winner through a maze of traffic and Shawn O'Donnell secured the victory, tallying just over two minutes later to make it 4-2. Matt Tipoff added an

**Final showdown**

The series now moves back to Fredericton for the third and deciding game on Thursday at 7 p.m.

empty-netter.

Pereira said, with a series this close, goals like his would prove to be the difference.

"It's often the dirty goals that are the most important in the playoffs," he said. "Really, you just try to get as many pucks to the net as possible and you're usually rewarded."

Tipoff had a pair of goals, and Stephen Johnson picked up a goal and two helpers for the Huskies.

## AUS basketball. X-Women hoopster gets 3-game ban

Atlantic University Sport has handed a member of the St. Francis Xavier X-Women a three-game suspension for an incident involving Justine Colley of the Saint Mary's Huskies in a women's basketball game last month.

Anne Kiberd was given

the ban by AUS executive director Phil Currie for an incident that took place in the fourth quarter of a game between the two rivals on Feb. 23 in Antigonish.

Kiberd, who is from Halifax, received the suspension in part for reportedly striking Colley's head after

the two players hit the floor in the paint.

Kiberd won't play in this weekend's AUS final in Fredericton because of the suspension, which could be carried over to next season if StFX doesn't advance to the nationals.

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**1-2 clash**

The Huskies go into this weekend's AUS women's final ranked No. 1, with the X-Women No. 2. Both clubs have automatic byes into Saturday's semifinals.

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# Wild ride continues as Chicago wins again

**NHL.** Hawks surge past Minnesota to keep points streak alive

The Chicago Blackhawks set a franchise record with their 10th consecutive victory and extended their points streak to 29 games with a 5-3 win against the Minnesota Wild on Tuesday night.

Bryan Bickell scored twice in the first period and Patrick Kane added a big goal in the third as Chicago (20-0-3) remained the only team in the NHL without a regulation loss. It also snapped a tie with the 1977-78 Montreal Canadiens for the second-longest points streak in league history.

Ryan Suter scored his first goal with Minnesota, sending a power-play slap shot past a screened Corey Crawford in

On Tuesday

5

Hawks

3

Wild

the third period. Kyle Brodziak then poked his own rebound to get the Wild within one at 10:32.

But Kane beat Darcy Kuemper just 61 seconds later, sending a rebound into the upper right corner for his team-best 12th goal.

Brandon Saad had a goal and two assists for the Blackhawks, who host the Colorado Avalanche on Wednesday night. Marian Hossa scored after he was honoured in a pregame ceremony and Crawford finished with 20 saves. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



The Blackhawks celebrate on of their four first-period goals against the Minnesota Wild on Tuesday in Chicago. JONATHAN DANIEL/GETTY IMAGES

NHL

## Canadiens stopped by Isles on Long Island

Radek Martinek has rarely been the offensive star during 11 NHL seasons, so the chance to savour a winning goal was meaningful to the 36-year-old defenceman.

Martinek, injured most of last season, scored the tiebreaker eight minutes into the third period as the New York Islanders handed Montreal its first regulation loss in nearly a month with a 6-3 victory Tuesday night.

The quiet Martinek, who hadn't scored since Oct. 12, 2011, when he was with Columbus, was all smiles as he gave credit to teammates.

"It feels very good to win two straight at home after the struggles we've had," he said, referring to the Islanders winning only twice in their first 11 home games. "Now we have something to build on."

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NBA

## Celtics thriving minus PG Rondo

So much for Boston's grim outlook once Rajon Rondo was lost for the season.

Avery Bradley has followed the trusted blueprint of dogged defence and impact scoring to help push the Celtics up the standings.

Bradley scored a season-high 22 points, and Paul Pierce had 18 points and 11 rebounds to lead the Boston Celtics to a 109-101 win over the Philadelphia 76ers on Wednesday night.

Kevin Garnett scored 18 points to help the Celtics improve to 12-4 since Rondo was lost with a torn knee ligament. The Celtics entered in seventh place, but were no more than two games behind the next three teams ahead in the standings. Bradley was 10 of 15 and chipped in seven rebounds and five assists, the kind of numbers needed for the Celtics to slip into a coveted top-four spot for the playoffs.

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### EASTERN CONFERENCE

|              | W  | L  | Pct  | GB  |
|--------------|----|----|------|-----|
| Miami        | 44 | 14 | .759 | —   |
| Indiana      | 38 | 22 | .633 | 7   |
| New York     | 36 | 21 | .632 | 7½  |
| Chicago      | 34 | 26 | .567 | 11  |
| Brooklyn     | 34 | 26 | .567 | 11  |
| Atlanta      | 33 | 26 | .559 | 11½ |
| Boston       | 32 | 27 | .542 | 12½ |
| Milwaukee    | 30 | 28 | .517 | 14  |
| Philadelphia | 23 | 36 | .390 | 21½ |
| Toronto      | 23 | 38 | .377 | 22½ |
| Detroit      | 23 | 39 | .371 | 23  |
| Cleveland    | 20 | 40 | .333 | 25  |
| Washington   | 19 | 39 | .328 | 25  |
| Orlando      | 17 | 44 | .279 | 28½ |
| Charlotte    | 13 | 47 | .217 | 32  |

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

|               | W  | L  | Pct  | GB  |
|---------------|----|----|------|-----|
| San Antonio   | 47 | 14 | .770 | —   |
| Oklahoma City | 43 | 16 | .729 | 3   |
| L.A. Clippers | 43 | 19 | .694 | 4½  |
| Memphis       | 39 | 19 | .672 | 6½  |
| Denver        | 39 | 22 | .639 | 8   |
| Golden State  | 34 | 27 | .557 | 13  |
| Houston       | 33 | 28 | .541 | 14  |
| Utah          | 32 | 28 | .533 | 14½ |
| L.A. Lakers   | 30 | 30 | .500 | 16½ |
| Portland      | 28 | 31 | .475 | 18  |
| Dallas        | 26 | 33 | .441 | 20  |
| Minnesota     | 20 | 37 | .351 | 25  |
| Phoenix       | 21 | 39 | .350 | 25½ |
| New Orleans   | 21 | 40 | .344 | 26  |
| Sacramento    | 21 | 40 | .344 | 26  |

Note: division leaders ranked in top three positions regardless of winning percentage.

#### TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Boston 109 Philadelphia 101

L.A. Lakers at Oklahoma City

Denver at Sacramento

**WEDNESDAY'S GAMES — All Times Eastern**

Utah at Cleveland, 7 p.m.

Boston at Indiana, 7 p.m.

Brooklyn at Charlotte, 7 p.m.

New York at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.

Philadelphia at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.

Orlando at Miami, 7:30 p.m.

Washington at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

Portland at Memphis, 8 p.m.

L.A. Lakers at New Orleans, 8 p.m.

Houston at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

Toronto at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

Chicago at San Antonio, 9 p.m.

Milwaukee at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Sacramento at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

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### EASTERN CONFERENCE

#### ATLANTIC DIVISION

|              | GP | W  | L  | OL | GF | GA | Pt |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Pittsburgh   | 23 | 15 | 8  | 0  | 81 | 67 | 30 |
| New Jersey   | 23 | 10 | 8  | 5  | 56 | 65 | 25 |
| NY Rangers   | 21 | 11 | 8  | 2  | 55 | 53 | 24 |
| Philadelphia | 24 | 11 | 12 | 1  | 68 | 72 | 23 |
| NY Islanders | 23 | 10 | 11 | 2  | 70 | 78 | 22 |

#### NORTHEAST DIVISION

|          | GP | W  | L  | OL | GF | GA | Pt |
|----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Montreal | 23 | 14 | 5  | 4  | 71 | 59 | 32 |
| Boston   | 20 | 14 | 3  | 3  | 60 | 46 | 31 |
| Toronto  | 23 | 14 | 9  | 0  | 68 | 57 | 28 |
| Ottawa   | 23 | 12 | 7  | 4  | 52 | 44 | 28 |
| Buffalo  | 24 | 9  | 13 | 2  | 63 | 77 | 20 |

#### SOUTHEAST DIVISION

|            | GP | W  | L  | OL | GF | GA | Pt |
|------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Carolina   | 22 | 13 | 8  | 1  | 67 | 62 | 27 |
| Winnipeg   | 22 | 10 | 11 | 1  | 56 | 68 | 21 |
| Tampa Bay  | 23 | 10 | 12 | 1  | 81 | 73 | 21 |
| Washington | 21 | 9  | 11 | 1  | 59 | 62 | 19 |
| Florida    | 23 | 7  | 11 | 5  | 59 | 83 | 19 |

Note: A team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OL (other loss) column.

#### TUESDAY'S RESULTS

NY Islanders 6 Montreal 3

Tampa Bay 5 New Jersey 2

Washington 4 Boston 3 (OT)

Carolina 4 Buffalo 3

Columbus 4 Edmonton 3 (SO)

Detroit 2 Colorado 1

NY Rangers 4 Philadelphia 2

Florida 4 Winnipeg 1

Chicago 5 Minnesota 3

San Jose at Vancouver

St. Louis at Los Angeles

**MONDAY'S RESULTS**

Toronto 4 New Jersey 2

Pittsburgh 4 Tampa Bay 3

Phoenix 5 Anaheim 4 (SO)

Los Angeles 5 Nashville 1

**WEDNESDAY'S GAMES — All Times Eastern**

Ottawa at Toronto, 7 p.m.

Colorado at Chicago, 8 p.m.

San Jose at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.

Phoenix at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

**THURSDAY'S GAMES**

Buffalo at New Jersey, 7 p.m.

Montreal at Carolina, 7 p.m.

Vancouver at Columbus, 7 p.m.

Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.

NY Rangers at NY Islanders, 7 p.m.

Toronto at Boston, 7 p.m.

Florida at Washington, 7 p.m.

Edmonton at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.

Winnipeg at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.

St. Louis at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

Dallas at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

#### CENTRAL DIVISION

|           | GP | W  | L  | OL | GF | GA | Pt |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Chicago   | 23 | 20 | 0  | 3  | 75 | 44 | 43 |
| Detroit   | 23 | 11 | 8  | 4  | 63 | 60 | 26 |
| St. Louis | 21 | 11 | 8  | 2  | 60 | 61 | 24 |
| Nashville | 23 | 9  | 9  | 5  | 47 | 59 | 23 |
| Columbus  | 23 | 7  | 12 | 4  | 53 | 69 | 18 |

#### NORTHWEST DIVISION

|           | GP | W  | L | OL | GF | GA | Pt |
|-----------|----|----|---|----|----|----|----|
| Vancouver | 21 | 11 | 6 | 4  | 61 | 58 | 26 |
| Minnesota | 22 | 11 | 9 | 2  | 52 | 56 | 24 |
| Edmonton  | 22 | 8  | 9 | 5  | 54 | 62 | 21 |
| Calgary   | 20 | 8  | 8 | 4  | 57 | 68 | 20 |
| Colorado  | 21 | 8  | 9 | 4  | 51 | 62 | 20 |

#### PACIFIC DIVISION

|             | GP | W  | L | OL | GF | GA | Pt |
|-------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|----|
| Anaheim     | 21 | 15 | 3 | 3  | 75 | 60 | 33 |
| Phoenix     | 22 | 11 | 8 | 3  | 67 | 63 | 25 |
| Los Angeles | 20 | 11 | 7 | 2  | 54 | 48 | 24 |
| San Jose    | 20 | 10 | 6 | 4  | 47 | 44 | 24 |
| Dallas      | 22 | 11 | 9 | 2  | 61 | 63 | 24 |

#### SCORING LEADERS

|                  | G  | A  | Pt |
|------------------|----|----|----|
| Crosby, Phg      | 11 | 25 | 36 |
| Stamkos, TBL     | 17 | 17 | 34 |
| Kunitz, Phg      | 12 | 16 | 28 |
| Saint Louis, TBL | 5  | 23 | 28 |
| Vanek, Buf       | 12 | 15 | 27 |
| Kane, Chi        | 11 | 15 | 26 |
| Tavares, NYI     | 13 | 12 | 25 |
| Staal, Car       | 12 | 13 | 25 |
| Voracek, Phi     | 9  | 16 | 25 |
| Getzlaf, Ana     | 8  | 17 | 25 |
| Zetterberg, Det  | 6  | 19 | 25 |
| Moulson, NYI     | 10 | 14 | 24 |
| Ribeiro, Wash    | 7  | 17 | 24 |
| Kadri, Tor       | 9  | 14 | 23 |
| Malkin, Phg      | 5  | 18 | 23 |
| Neal, Phg        | 14 | 8  | 22 |
| Datsyuk, Det     | 8  | 14 | 22 |
| Giroux, Phi      | 7  | 15 | 22 |
| Elias, NJ        | 5  | 17 | 22 |
| Thornton, SJ     | 4  | 18 | 22 |
| Sedin, Van       | 8  | 13 | 21 |
| Purcell, TBL     | 4  | 17 | 21 |
| Sedin, Van       | 3  | 18 | 21 |
| Letang, Phg      | 3  | 18 | 21 |

Not including last night's games



# Sun lovers will bug out over this baby

**Review.** Volkswagen's drop-top has arrived in all its attention grabbing glory

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When Volkswagen introduced the Beetle hatchback for the 2012 model year, you had to suspect the convertible edition was hard on its heels.

Convertible Beetles have been around since 1949, when the first rear-engine, air-cooled Type 15 was launched. VW sold more than 330,000 of them worldwide over the next 32 years, then cranked out another 235,000 New Beetle Convertibles from 2003 until the 2010 model year when it was put out to pasture.

The third-generation Beetle (the "New" is gone) Convertible that goes on sale in mid-February maintains the tradition, but in a less-retro way. Visually, the body is slightly lower, but is now a substantial 8.5 centimetres wider and about 15 centimetres longer than the old New Beetle. That means significantly more leg and elbowroom, for both front- and rear-seat passengers. Front headroom is nearly as generous as before despite the lower profile, while rear-seat headroom actually increases slightly.

The Beetle Convertible benefits from a more rigid body architecture with 20 per cent more resistance to bending and twisting. This is helpful since convertibles don't have a roof structure to join the back and the front of the car together. The only real support is in the floor.

Base Beetle Convertibles fall under the Comfortline trim name and include most power and climate accouterments



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## Design

Volkswagen's designers have done as great a job fashioning the Beetle Convertible as they did with the hatchback and have even succeeded in creating a less miniscule trunk. Just make sure you pack only the essentials. To be fair, the split-folding rear seat lets you extend the stowage area when two or three passengers are aboard.

plus a set of roll bars behind the back seat that immediately pop up should a tip-over be detected. Heated front seats and leatherette seat covers are included, but beware of burning skin on hot summer days.

## 2013 VW Beetle Convertible

- **Type.** Two-door, front-wheel-drive convertible
- **Engine (hp):** 2.5-litre DOHC I5 (170)
- **Transmissions.** Six-speed automatic
- **Base price (incl. destination).** \$30,300

The High-line adds a genuine leather interior, sport bucket seats, push button start, 17-inch wheels (16s are standard) and fancier interior/exterior trim.

High-line models can also

## Engine

Only a single powertrain is being offered in Beetle Convertibles sold in Canada: A 170-horsepower 2.5-litre five-cylinder. Our fortunate American cousins will also be able to select a turbo-charged 200-horsepower 2.0-litre four-cylinder, or a 140-horsepower 2.0-litre turbo-diesel.

be enhanced with a 400-watt nine-speaker Fender audio system and touch-screen navigation.

In content and usable space, the Beetle Convertible represents a giant leap for-

## Roof

The soft top is triple lined on the outside and has three layers of insulation on the inside to minimize noise. Two electric motors raise and lower the top in 9.5 and 11 seconds, respectively, at vehicle speeds up to 50 km/h. The top no longer extends beyond the rear deck when folded, which makes for a much tidier appearance.

ward. It's no longer a cutesy toy car, but should now resonate with performance-minded buyers who would prefer the option of bringing a few friends along to savour the open-air experience.



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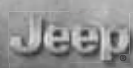


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# The Chevrolet SS: It's about time

**Auto Pilot.** It's been 17 long years since Chevy released a model like this



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At last weekend's big NASCAR race in Daytona, Chevrolet officially unveiled its newest sedan, the 2013 Chevrolet SS.

When it arrives in dealerships at the end of the year, it will be the first time in 17 years that Chevrolet will offer a rear-drive V8-powered sedan in North America.

Hallelujah

I guess I have a soft spot for Chevrolet rear-drive V8 sedans, because they were what my father drove during the 1970s, when I was a very impressionable and car-needy teenager. He taught me to drive in his 1971 Chevrolet Impala.



The 2013 Chevrolet SS, and its NASCAR Sprint Cup equivalent, both made their official debuts at last weekend's Daytona 500. SUBMITTED

Good on Chevrolet for realizing that the brand needs to have at least one of these beasts in its catalogue. People yearn for them, it's part of Chevrolet's heritage, and it corrects that strained NASCAR visual universe, where Chevrolet-based

NASCAR teams have been covering their ferocious rear-drive V8 racecars with body shells based on Impala stylings. The Impala has been a neutered, front-drive V6 sedan since 2000.

No coincidence that the NASCAR Chevrolet SS race

car also debuted at the Daytona race. And right on script, five-time series champion Jimmie Johnson, in the No. 48 Lowe's Chevrolet SS, took home the checkered flag.

The Chevrolet SS also upholds the "SS" designation with pride and purpose.

(The brand has traditionally reserved those letters to designate high-performance Chevys.) The new SS will be motivated by essentially the same, newly-engineered 6.2-litre small-block V8 used in the 2013 Corvette — good for 415-hp and 415 lb-ft of

## From Oz

- The SS uses a derivative of the rear-drive platform under Camaro, a platform initially developed by Holden, GM's subsidiary in Australia.
- Holden will build the SS in Australia, and ship them to us here in North America. But don't expect a lot of them to be built.

torque. The only transmission is a six-speed automatic with manual shifters mounted on the steering wheel.

Rear-drive V8 sedans were once ubiquitous. Now they are premium pieces, which is the way they should be I guess. Not too many of us need that much engine. But as we've seen time and time again, when it comes to automobile love, or any kind of love for that matter, need has nothing to do with it.

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2008 marked the launch of the eighth generation Honda Accord, which had earned a very solid reputation for reliable operation, sensibility and long-term value.

Available in both coupe and sedan variants with several engine and transmission combinations, this generation Accord also offered features like heated leather seats, voice-commanded navigation, a sunroof, steering-wheel mounted controls, dual-zone climate control and plenty more.

Accord LX was the basic model, while EX and EX-L or EX-L Navi represented mid-range and top-line, respectively.



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### Common Issues

Thousands of owners have complained of premature brake component wear, so feel for any pulsation and listen for any squealing during light to moderate brake application. Be sure to have the brakes inspected on any used Accord you're considering, or budget for brake job and service.

Oil consumption is another well-documented issue with this generation of Honda Ac-

cord, and especially those with the V6 engine and automatic transmission. Every engine will "use" some oil between oil changes, but shoppers are advised to check the oil in the model they're considering (while the engine is cold) to ensure it's fresh and full.

If any unusual noise is noted, it's likely caused by a faulty o-ring, which allows air to enter the system. This is a relatively easy fix.

### Engine



Four-cylinder VTEC engines displaced 2.4 litres and generated 177 or 190 horsepower, depending on the model. The available 3.5 litre V6 offered 268 horsepower. Manual or automatic transmissions were available on all powerplants, depending on the model.

### What owners like



On-board storage space, fuel economy and overall comfort were typically cited as key purchase factors by owners. Intuitive controls and a safe, solid road feel were also noted.

### What owners dislike



Common complaints include cheap interior materials, uncomfortable and stiff seats, the lack of a manual mode on the automatic transmission and bland styling

### Verdict

Largely, it looks like the Accord is one of the most reliable, no-nonsense vehicles in today's used market. Buy confidently if the model you're considering shows none of the common issues and has a thumbs-up from a mechanic during a pre-purchase inspection.

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### Aries

March 21 - April 20

There is no point complaining if you are forced to do something against your will today because it won't make any difference. Anyway, why would you complain when it will work in your favour?

### Taurus

April 21 - May 21

You may be practical and methodical by nature but don't immerse yourself in details too deeply today or you may lose sight of the wider picture — a picture that looks brighter by the moment.

### Gemini

May 22 - June 21

If you have ambitions to be someone important then this is clearly a make or break time. It won't just happen as if by magic, of course, but it will happen if you are determined to make it happen. Get busy.

### Cancer

June 22 - July 23

A friend is opposing you only because they genuinely believe they are acting in your best interests. Inform them that you are the one who decides what your interests are, though be polite about it.

### Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Cut back on your workload over the next few days, even if it means you earn less than before. Don't worry that you won't be able to make ends meet. You should know by now that fate usually provides.

### Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

If there is a project that needs completing, now is the time to make that extra effort. If there is a relationship that needs rescuing, now is the time to kiss and make up.

### Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

It seems you are weighed down by domestic chores. Fortunately, beneficial events over the next two days will lighten your load and free up time for more enjoyable things. Love is in the air.

### Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Keep your plans under wraps so no one has the chance to steal your ideas. One of the most creative times of the year will begin quite soon, so it's OK to put your own needs first.

### Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

If you allow your emotions to get the better of you today then squabbles are inevitable, but if you refuse to give in to negative emotions then you will sail through the day with ease. The choice is yours.

### Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Think before you speak today but don't hold back once you have decided what you want to say. Not everyone will be happy with your observations but what matters is that you call it as you see it.

### Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Resist the urge to splash out on things you don't really want or need. Impulse buying will deplete your resources faster than you thought possible, so let someone else hold the purse strings.

### Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

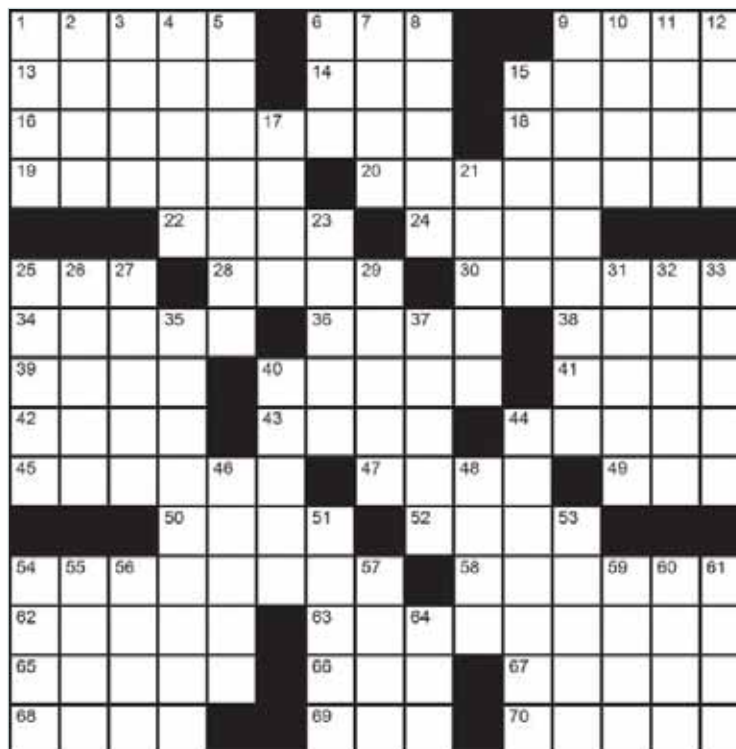
It's time to start something that delights you. It does not matter what your work or family responsibilities may be you must make time for what you enjoy.

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### Across

- Drinks at ice cream parlors
- Wanna-\_\_ (Aspirants)
- Steve \_\_ (Anti-apartheid activist portrayed in 1987 film "Cry Freedom")
- \_\_ of faith
- Keyboard key
- Practical joke
- Prime Minister William Lyon \_\_ King
- \_\_ mortis
- Tempt
- Its motto is Gloriosus et Liber
- Not yet final, at law
- Peru's capital
- 'Violin' suffix
- Engrave
- Newfoundland town with an international airport
- Swimming spots
- Go backpacking
- Biblical peak
- Guess Who's "Hang \_\_ Your Life"
- \_\_-Tracy, Quebec
- Rick's 1942 film beloved
- God: French
- Train: Spanish
- "Bolero" composer
- Writer
- Singer Ms. Brickell
- Stop
- Walk on ice, do this
- J.R.R. Tolkien creatures
- Vancouver band, \_\_ Trench
- Painter or sculptor

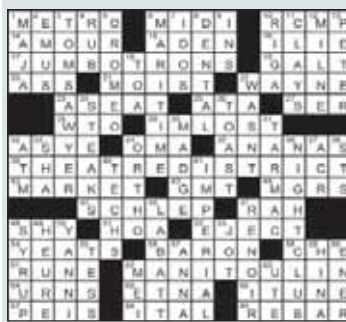


### Down

- Broadway Auntie
- Mr. Thicke (Actor born in Kirkland Lake, Ontario)
- Univ. professor's speech
- "\_\_ Care of Business" by BTO
- Charles Darwin's On the Origin of \_\_
- Director Mr. Luhrmann
- \_\_ round (Part of a tournament)
- Be a thief
- Royal Yacht \_\_ (Yacht that Queen Elizabeth used)
- Character in Shakespeare's Othello
- Dresser drawer attach-

- ment
- Ingredient in Cajun cooking
- \_\_ ballerina
- Savings = \_\_ egg
- Mr. Lythgoe, "American Idol" executive producer
- Blood of ancient Greek gods
- Apple music players
- Type of boom
- Bag carrier
- New employee
- \_\_ into (Do investigative work)
- Buddy of "The Beverly Hillbillies"
- Willy Wonka creator Mr. Dahl
- American state with Acadian ancestry
- The Way of the Sword, martial art of Japan
- American writer Gertrude
- Military enlistee
- Point a finger at
- Baghdad's locale
- Use glue
- Hidden hoard
- Canada Post stuff
- \_\_ time (Never): 2 wds.
- Authentic
- Navigate
- \_\_-bitsy
- Soap \_\_ (Bathroom cleanser's target)
- You, Shakespeare-style
- Mr. Stallone, nicknamed

## Yesterday's Crossword



## Sudoku

### How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

## Yesterday's Sudoku



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